credit flow to small and medium enterprises with a view to, *inter alia*, doubling the credit flow by 2009-2010. The package also includes measures to address the concerns of sick SSI units, such as (i) a debt restructuring mechanism for all eligible small and medium enterprises at terms which are not less favourable than the corporate debt restructuring mechanism (ii) introduction of a one-time settlement scheme to apply to small scale non performing asset (NPA) accounts in the books of the banks as on 31 March 2004, etc.

Allocation of coal by ECL, Kolkata

†3261. SHRI CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the rules adopted by Eastern Coalfields Limited, Kolkata for allocation of ECL, coal;

(b) the reasons for non allocation of coal by the company to the small industries, particularly Khurja Pottery Industry, Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to ensure the non-closure of small industries for the lack of coal and its timely supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO) : (a) Allocation of coal to core sector consumers is done by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short-Term), an inter-ministerial body under Ministry of Coal. Allocation of coal to valid linked non-core consumers is done by the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) on monthly basis as per the policy within the Maximum Permissible Quantity (MPQ) of the consumer and subject to availability of coal and positive verification status confirmed by the State Government concerned.

(b) ECL is regularly allocating coal to its valid linked non-core consumers including small industries, Pottery Industry at Khurja, Bulandshahar in U.P. as per policy and MPQ. The units of Khurja Pottery

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are, however, not utilizing their full quantity as is evident from the table given below:

(Figures in Box "N" Wagons)

	Total MPQ of valid linked industries at Khurja	Total booking of orders	Cancellation of orders	Quantity not utilized to the industries
2002	957	400	40	597
2003	363	270	120	213
2004	315	280	40	75
2005 (upto 16th August, 05)	275	120	Nil	Balance may be lifted

(c) To ensure adequate supply of coal to the small and tiny consumers, Government has earmarked 5 million tonnes of coal during 2005-06 for State Government undertakings and M/s. National Consumers Cooperative Federation of India Limited (an apex body under Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution) for distribution to small scale industries and tiny consumers and also through e-auction. Apart from this Government has extended the period for lifting of 0.5 million tonne of coal by State Government of Uttar Pradesh for distribution to the Brick units of the State.

Timely payments to SSIs

†3262. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many State Governments sell a major part of the products of small scale industries through wholesale centres and in that situation timely payments are not made and the matter gets worsened due to red tapism and corruption and small scale industrialists are compelled to delay their loan repayment and consequently they are declared as Non-Performing Assets and are the main reasons for their becoming sick units;

(b) if so, steps Government have taken to get rid of the problem; and

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